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Office Action Summary

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FRED PENG

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 June 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 75-78, 81-84 and 87-90 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 75-78, 81-84 and 87-90 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 06/08/2009 has been entered.

DETAILED ACTION

2. Claims 75-78, 81-84 and 87-90 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 75-78, 81-84 and 87-90 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admitted prior art (AAPA) in view of Lapierre (US 6,075,550).

Regarding Claims 75, 81 and 87, AAPA as in the background section of the invention inherently discloses an interactive television program guide system with corresponding method and computer-readable media in which an interactive television program guide is implemented on user television equipment of a user, comprising:
means for providing program listings to the interactive television program guide, wherein at least some of the program listings contain potentially objectionable program listings information (page 2 line 25 – page 3 line 3).

AAPA is silent about means for replacing the potentially objectionable program listings information in the program listings with unobjectionable program listings information using the interactive television program guide so that when the interactive television program guide displays the program listings the unobjectionable program listings information is displayed in place of the potentially objectionable program listings information, wherein the unobjectionable program listings information for each of the programs includes a generic unobjectionable title or generic unobjectionable description for that program.

In an analogous art, Lapierre discloses in a television receiving the uncensored text data signal through a censor device and having objectionable words removed and may be replaced by X's or spaces. The words not removed then form the censored text data (Col 3 lines 33-42).

Therefore, a person of ordinary skill in the art would have had good reason to pursue the known options of replacing the objectionable program listings information with a generic unobjectionable title or generic unobjectionable description when the program information such as title or description appears to be offensive. It would require no more than "ordinary skill and common sense" to remove or replace such offensive words so a more generic and unobjectionable title or description can be achieved.

Regarding Claims 76-78, 82-84 and 88-90, AAPA discloses the objectionable program listings information includes adult program titles, descriptions (Background section of the invention).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 75-78, 81-84 and 87-90 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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Conclusion

6. The prior art of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Ford, US 6,519,770
- Bray, US 6,972,802
- Bray, US 7,139,031
- Ford, US 2001/0001159
- Ellis, US 6,732,367

7. Claims 75-78, 81-84 and 87-90 are rejected.

Correspondence Information

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FRED PENG whose telephone number is (571)270-1147. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 09:30-19:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hirl can be reached on (571) 272-3685. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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